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BROTHERS CHARGED WITH BANK ROBBERY

CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE: United States Attorney Tom Colantuono, Special Agent in Charge of the Federal Bureau of Investigation Kenneth W. Kaiser and Stratham Police Chief Michael Daley today announced that Travis Blodgett, 26, and Avery Blodgett, 24, of Sweden, Maine, and formerly of Concord, New Hampshire, were charged by a federal grand jury with the January 11, 2006 robbery of the Ocean National Bank, 160 Portsmouth Avenue, Stratham, New Hampshire. The indictment alleges that the Blodgetts obtained approximately \$7,000 in the robbery.

The case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Stratham Police Department. Law enforcement officials are reviewing evidence and information in 12 other recently committed bank robberies to determine whether additional charges will be sought. In several of those robberies, witnesses reported seeing a green Saab being driven away from the scene. Law enforcement officials recovered a stolen green Saab in Laconia, New Hampshire, on January 18, 2006, and are examining the vehicle for evidence linking it to other robberies.

The cases are being investigated by the FBI and numerous law enforcement agencies. Criminal Chief Don Feith is prosecuting the Ocean National Bank case and is assisting in the other investigations.

An indictment is the way a formal charge is brought against a defendant. All defendants are presumed innocent of any charge brought in an indictment until guilt is proven beyond a reasonable doubt.